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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR 1957.

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"Tyn-y-berllan",  
Builth Wells.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Colwyn Rural District Council.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
for the year 1957

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Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Vaughan and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1957.

GENERAL.

The Colwyn Rural District covers an area of 29,579 acres, and is almost entirely agricultural. The only industrial undertakings being a Stone Quarry, a C.W.S. Creamery, a Sawmill, a Wagon Repair Depot and two Railway Stations, all of which are situated in the parish of Llanelwedd. There are no large towns in the district.

GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

<u>General.</u>	Area .....	29,579 acres
	Population .... (Census 1951)	1,729
	Estimated population Mid 1957	1,580
	No. of inhabited houses	483
	Size of average household	3.2.

The Registrar General's estimated population for the last five years is shown below:-

<u>1953.</u>	<u>1954.</u>	<u>1955.</u>	<u>1956.</u>	<u>1957.</u>
1,629	1,620	1,630	1,610	1,580

Births.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 pop.</u>
Live Births Legitimate	8	8	16	
" " Illegitimate	-	1	1	
	8	9	17	10.7.

The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 16. 1.

Still Births.

No still births were recorded during the year. The still birth rate for England and Wales was 22.4. per 1,000 live and still births.

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 pop.</u>
Deaths from all causes	6	7	13	7.2
Maternal Deaths... Nil.				
Deaths under one year... Nil				

Infantile Mortality. This is the number of deaths occurring in children of under one year of age. No such deaths occurred in the district during the year. The national rate was 23.0 per 1,000 live births.

<u>Analysis of causes of deaths.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Other Malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	1	2	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	-	2	2
Coronary disease, angina	1	1	2
Other Heart Disease	1	2	3
Other circulatory disease	1	-	1
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum.	1	-	1
Motor vehicle accident	1	-	1
	6	7	13

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES  
Public Health Officers.

No change of officers occurred during the year.

Medical Officer of Health.....Dr. D.F. Cameron.  
Public Health Inspector.....Mr. J.C. Bowen.  
(Joint appointment with Builth R.D.C.)

Laboratory Facilities.

All water samples are sent by rail to the Public Health Laboratory at Carmarthen. Samples for the Public Analyst at Carmarthen were sent in the same way.

Ambulance Facilities.

The district is served by ambulances from Llandrindod Wells and Builth Wells, both administered by their respective County Authorities.

Home Nursing.

District Nurses operating under the supervision of the Radnor Health Authority carried out home nursing duties.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Orthopaedic, E.N.T. and Chest Clinics are regularly held at Llandrindod Wells, and a weekly chest clinic is held at Builth Wells.

Hospitals.

There is no hospital in the district, treatment being available at the County Hospital, Llandrindod Wells, and at Builth Cottage Hospital, Builth Wells.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

Adequate arrangements are in existence in the area for maternity and child welfare supervision directed by the County Medical Officer.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Water Supply.

The water supplies for the various parts of the district are derived from springs. Council supplies are provided at Howey, Aberedw, Cregina, Hundred House, Crossways and Llanfared. The Llanclwedd part of the district adjoining Builth Wells receives its water from Builth Urban District Council.

In only one case is any form of treatment carried out. This is at Aberedw where the water is chlorinated.

Other piped supplies are located at Builth Road, Llanclwedd and Cefnlllys Lane.

During the year 19 samples of water were taken from the Council supplies. (11 satisfactory eight unsatisfactory).

There were no serious shortages during the year. Maintenance of the supplies was carried out as necessary. Seventy nine visits were made for the purpose of supervision of water supplies.

In addition 11 samples were taken from various private sources or sources proposed for inclusion in private schemes.

The water supplies in the district are now controlled by the new Builth and District Water Board. The major water scheme was



approved during the year, and when further information is obtained, it is hoped to go to tender during 1958.

#### Crossways Supply.

This small scheme was completed during the year. It provides a supply of water to a group of houses in the parish of Llanfared. d.

#### Other proposed supplies.

##### Aberedw Farm Water Scheme.

Awaiting decision of Ministry.

#### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The Council's housing estate at Llanfared. d and the railway station district of Llanelwedd are served by small sewerage schemes. The new sewerage scheme at Howey came into operation during the year, and provides for properties in the parishes of Llandrindod Rural and Dissers. th & Trecoed which are in the vicinity of Howey village.

Below are details of visits made to the sewerage disposal sites for the purpose of supervision and maintenance.

Number of visits to sewerage disposal systems .....	37
Number of general visits in connection with sewage disposal	81
Number of inspections of new drainage schemes .....	45

#### Proposed Sewerage Schemes.

##### Aberedw.

Held in abeyance pending building of Council houses

##### Hundred House.

Held in abeyance pending building of Council houses.

#### PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The scheme inaugurated in 1952, provides for the collection of refuse at fortnightly intervals, from properties along the roads throughout the greater part of the district.

Refuse collected was disposed of on tips in the adjoining Rural district of Builth. The tips provided at Hay Road and Beulah have finished their useful life were sealed off. Tipping commenced at Llanafanfechan. Rhayader R.D.C. was approached concerning limited tipping at their Newbridge Tip. No reply had been received at the end of the year.

The scheme continued to operate satisfactorily.

#### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

Public Health Act, 1936. (Sections 92 and 93)  
(Abatement of nuisances, repairs to properties)

No. of complaints received .....	16
No. of complaints investigated.....	16
No. of premises re-visited.....	10
No. of notices served.....	4

#### Houses let in Lodgings.

It is not considered that any of the houses in the district are of such a nature that they require control under bye-laws made under Section 6 of the Housing Act, 1936.

Common Lodging Houses.

There is no common lodging house in the district.

Offensive Trades.

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Licensed Premises.

No. of visits made .....6  
No. of Notices served.....2

Tents, Vans and Sheds.

Only one site has been approved for the positioning of moveable dwellings. This is at Howey. Further improvements were carried out at this site. The water closets were connected to the Council's new sewer and a system of sullage water drainage was carried out.

Eradication of Bed Bugs. *There were no cases reported during the year.*

Factories

No. of Factories in district .....10  
No. of visits made .....16  
Notices served ..... -  
Defects found..... 3

One Certificate of Adequate Means of Escape in case of Fire. This was in respect of the C.W.S. Creamery, Llanellwedd. Before the issue of this Certificate the advice of the Chief Fire Officer was sought.

Rodent Control.

Number of premises inspected .....;..313  
Number found infested ..... 93  
Number of premises treated ..... 93  
Total number of visits to premises .....443  
Number of farms inspected ..... 56

HOUSING.

No houses were built during the year by the Council.

Proposed Housing Schemes.

Aberedw.

Held in abeyance pending decision of Council on types of houses proposed to be built.

Hundred House.

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Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925. Article 31.

No representations under Section 16, Housing Act, 1957, were made during the year.

Rural Housing Survey. Details of parishes surveyed.

<u>Llanbadarn-y-garreg.</u>	Number of houses .....10
	Number unfit..... 4
<u>Aberedw</u>	Number of houses .....48
	Number unfit..... 2
<u>Bettws Disserth.</u>	Number of houses .....14
	Number unfit..... 2

Rhulen.

Number of houses.....16  
Number unfit..... 4

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk.

Number of inspections of vehicles.....19  
Number of samples taken, and were satisfactory... 6

These samples were also examined for tuberculosis and Brucella Abortus. All were reported negative.

Since the coming into operation of the Milk and Dairies Act, 1944, the Council is left with the registration and supervision of distributors.

A milk collecting centre operated by the Co-operative Wholesale Society is situated in the area, and throughout the year large quantities of milk passed through the centre for cooling, and were re-distributed in bulk to creameries to various parts of the country.

During the year separating of milk took place at the Creamery, the skimmed milk being disposed of by tipping on a field adjoining the Creamery. This gave rise to nuisance. The matter was taken up with the owners and this practice dis-continued.

Meat.

There is one private slaughterhouse situated in the district. This is in the parish of Llanellwedd and is operated by a firm of whole-sale butchers.

Below are details of meat inspection carried out at the Slaughterhouse by the Council's Public Health Inspector.

No. of visits to slaughterhouse .....212

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole and Part.

	Cattle including Calves. Cows.	Sheep Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number inspected	681	12	4,853	869
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis &amp; Cysterceri.</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	76	-	3	6
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tubercul- osis or cysterceri	11.1	-	.06	.8
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	10
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	.14	-	-	.11
<u>Cysterceri</u>				
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-



	Cattle including Cows.	Calves.	Sheep Lambs	Pigs.	Horses
<u>Cysterceri (contd)</u>					
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

#### Ice Cream Premises.

No. of retailers on the register .....3

These retailers sold pre-packed ice-cream only. Particular attention was paid itinerant vendors and their personal hygiene.

#### Food Premises

The following food premises remained in operation at the end of the year.

Grocers .....	7
Public Houses .....	6
Dairies .....	1
Cafes .....	2

The district is also served by various mobile retailers operating from Builth Wells, Llandrindod Wells and Newbridge on Wye.

Facilities for the disposal of condemned food are available at the Gas Works.

#### Educational Activities.

No such activities occurred during the year.

#### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

##### Tuberculosis.

One new case of tuberculosis was notified during the year. This was in respect of a person who previously resided outside the area, and had been notified prior to taking up residence in the district.

The only other case of infectious disease notified to me during the year was that of one case of Measles.

##### Disinfections.

It was not necessary to disinfect any properties during the year.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) D.F. Cameron

Medical Officer of Health.





